

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 2011- 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Todd McMurtry. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest was unavailable for the meeting.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 07/16/11 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 07/20/11 Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Averdick and McMurtry abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 10/05/11 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Averdick and Wall abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 10/19/11 Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Ordinance 07-11 – Second Reading- Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mayor Nienaber stated that we wanted to apply a stronger message to repeat offenders of the Ordinance, so they would have to comply with this new section of the Ordinance. The word chronic is the important part of how this is written, not to be issued to the casual offender. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter to approve with revised text to Section 3-D, to replace the word “ a “with “each” and Section 4-C that the word “any” be replaced with “each”. Seconded by Mr. McMurtry to approve. Roll call vote taken Wessels, Averdick, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 8-11 – First Reading – Amendment to the 2011-2012 Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Fort Wright

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mayor Nienaber stated it would be in the best interest of the City to pay off the City Building in this year’s budget and be almost debt free within three years. This will be a substantial savings to the City. Mr. Hatter commended Mr. Huff for presenting this to Council and taking charge to get it done. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 9-11 – First Reading – Authorizing and Approving a Second Supplement Lease with the Bank of Kentucky

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This involves refinancing the debt on Battery Hooper Park at a savings of \$16,000.00 in interest on refinancing this loan and payoff of the City Building. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe responded to an emergency call at 6:30PM and left the meeting.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that they have been working on George Huser Drive and hope to finish next week. There was damage to a sidewalk by a tractor trailer and storm water improvement is being done.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that tax bills have slowed down until after Thanksgiving, but will pick up after the holiday and Insurance Premium Tax has been coming in.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the auditor from Rankin and Rankin has been in the building conducting the yearly audit for the last couple of weeks and everything is going well so far with no problems.

An email was sent out to Council concerning the bonds for Williams Creek. NKAPC has received the money from these bonds and are in the process of recouping this money as far as paving and sidewalks for this area. Also Pieck Drive bonds that were in place for that project are also available. Work on these areas will probably not be started until spring, 2012.

Mayor Nienaber noted that the Fire Department Pig Roast/Safety Fair was very nice, with a good turnout. Halloween went well with no problems.

Police Specialist Dean Russell has retired effective November 1st. He is a long time employee and volunteer with the City and we wish him well. His service in the community has been outstanding and will be missed. Hopefully he will be around the City and be able to help us in more projects that arise. His retirement party/open house will be November 22 at 6PM at the South Hills Civic Club. Anyone who would like to stop by and wish Dean well is welcome.

We will advertise for the open position to replace Dean in the Police Department.

Sergeant Schworer is attending the F.B.I. Academy and he will graduate on December 16th.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk